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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: COMBINATORIAL

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ANALYSIS

Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: J. Taylor

Atty. Dkt. No.: UTSC:607USC1/DLP

I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2004, for which the three-month date for response is May 5, 2004.

It is believed that no fees are required. However, if any fees are required, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSC:607USC1.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.